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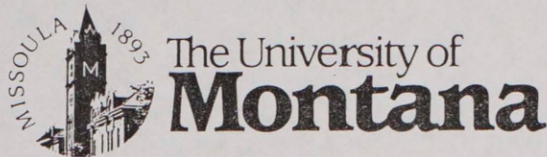
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UM COURSE HOOKS TOGETHER FISHING, LITERATURE

MISSOULA —

Fly-fishing and the literature spawned by this quintessential Big Sky pastime will be the subject of a course offered this fall at The University of Montana.

The class, Writing & Reading the Lore of Fly-fishing in the West: Hooks, Lines & Thinkers, will be offered by UM's Environmental Studies Program. The three-credit course costs \$425 and is open to all interested persons. The registration deadline is Aug. 22.

Participants will develop their creative writing skills as they read and discuss fly-fishing literature of the West. They will read "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Mclean, "My Story as Told by Water" by David James Duncan and "The Complete Angler" by Izaak Walton, among other selections.

Writing instructor and published author Ryan Newhouse will teach the class. Newhouse received a master's degree in environmental studies from UM in 2005, and he has a passion for fly-fishing, the West and the environment.

Some basic understanding of fly-fishing is recommended though not necessary for the class. Participants will do weekly reading and writing exercises, culminating in one longer and hopefully publishable personal essay at the end of the semester. The publishing process will be

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discussed in great detail.

For more information or to register, call Candice Merrill, UM Continuing Education program coordinator, at 406-243-6431.

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